

REMARKS

A typographical error on page of the application has been corrected, along with an update of the status of the application that is referenced therein. In support of these changes, reference can be made to the copy of the first page of the patent that is mentioned as well as the priority claim made in the declaration that was filed January 21, 2004.

Claims 1-9 and 21-24, as amended and new claims 25-30 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 10-20 have been cancelled.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicants elect the Group I claims, namely dispensation system claims 1-9, for prosecution in this application. Furthermore, claims 21-24 have been amended to depend from the Group I claims. Also, new claims 25-30 also depend from the Group I claims. Accordingly, Claims 1-9 and 21-30 are directed to a single invention, a dispensation system, and they should be examined together at this time.

Applicants reserve their rights to file one or more divisional applications for the embodiments of original claims 10-20 (method) and 21-24 (beverage package).

In view of the prior art known to the applicants, it is believed that claims 1-9 and 21-30 are in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated.

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